

The QUAKERS Caveat and Testimonies AGAINST POPERY:

Recommended to be Review'd by Mr. William Penn, Mr. Robert Barklay,
George Fox, George Whitehead, and the rest of the People.

First see the Declaration against all Popery, &c. p. 2, 3.

IN the presence of the Lord God, we Declare against all *Popish* ways, and their Priests, and their Church, and their Authority, and all that belongs to it; the Root, and Ground, and Branches: and with the Light do see them, and all who have any of their Power to be condemned with the Light, and to you this is the Word of the Lord God.

And all that make Crucifixes, or Images, or Worship them, they are the Sooth-sayers and familiar Spirits, the Founder of the Images, and the Worshiper of the Image from the living God, is confounded, accursed, and with the Light condemned, & God Worshiped in the Spirit, which Spirit judges all Images, and Image-Makers, and sees there is no due of Worship to them, or those that make them, but Condemnation and Judgment.

Subscribed by Geo. Fox, Fr. Howg^e, Edw. Burroughs, Alex. Parker, and several others.

Secondly, See your Truth exalted, &c. by Will Penn. pag. 5, 6.

COME answer me you *Papists*, whose *Popes* for many hundred years have sat exalted in the hearts of Nations (*Gods Temple*) above all that is called God; *What Scripture ever made a Pope, or gave Authority to any one to Lord it over the Consciences of others, since Christ enjoins that Christians should be Brethren? Whence came your Creeds but from Factions and corrupted Councils dyed in the Blood of those that refused Conformity?—But above all, When and where did they ever indulge your cruel Persecuting, Whipping, Racking, Inquisition, Murdering Spirit? Whose Popes, Faith, Church-Government, and whole Religion was founded and was maintain'd by inhumane Bloodshed, as your own Histories plainly manifest, who gave life to these things but the Devil, who was a Murderer from the beginning?*

Thus have you *Papists* through many Genera-

tions, receiv'd for Doctrines the Precepts of Men, who for much speaking, and sacrificing of your own Inventions, expect to be heard whilst in the lustful, wanton, ignorant, and killing nature; which has been always shedding the precious Blood of those whom God in every Age rais'd to testify against Superstitions and Will-worships. Therefore *WOES* from God Almighty to that *Romish Whore*, who has corrupted the Nations and sits upon a Scarlet coloured Beast full of Names of Blasphemy, drunk with the Blood of Saints and Martyrs of Jesus, the hour of her Desolation is Nigh, and in the Cup which she hath filled shall it be filled to Her double, for strong is the Lord God of Hosts who judgeth Her.

Thirdly, See your Book, No Cross no Crown, &c. by Will. Penn.

THese are the Men, Women and Children [*i. e.* the *Waldenses*] who for above these 500. Years have valiantly maintain'd a cruel War at the expence of their most Innocent Blood against the unheard of Tyrannies, and more than Paganish Inhumanities of proud *Blood-thirsty Popes*, Princes, Cardinals, Legats, Nuncios, Archbishops and Bishops; but above all, of the Monkish Inquisitors, whose most Barbarous, invented Cruelties, are the only Demonstration of their Wit, with whom it held to be a greater Sin, to conceal a Heretick, than to be Perjur'd, to obey an Heretical Prince, than to Murder him, to marry a lawful Wife, than keep a Whore; in short, to Dissent, tho' never so conscientiously, than to Murder, lye, steal, and commit all the Inormities prohibited both in the first and second Table.—Nay, let him be never so veracious, to say, That the Flesh, Blood and Bones of Jesus once nailed upon the Cross, were not in a Wafer (held by the nasty silt of a fornicating Priest) nay, God not in the Wafer (tho' nibbled by a Mouse, or the like Vermin just before) were enough to Rack, Hang, or Burn, without any farther Appeal or Examination. A I was

'Twas against the like Adversaries, these poor *Waldenses* fought by Sufferings throughout the Nations, by Prisons, Confiscations, Banishments, Wandrings from Hill to Valley, from Den to Cave, being Mock'd, Whipt, Rack'd, thrown from Rocks and Towers; driven on Mountains; and in one Night hundreds perishing by excessive Frosts, Snows, and the like colds: Smother'd in Caves; Starv'd, Prison'd, Rip'd, Hang'd, Dismember'd, Rifi'd, Plunder'd, Strangl'd, Burn'd, and whatsoever could be invented to ruine Men, Women and Children. pag. 91, 92.

Fourthly, See your Alarm sounded in the Popes Borders, &c. as you have Reprinted it in Edward Burroughs Works in folio, 1672. pag. 535.

AS for the Poor and Common Papists there is a Pity in me for them, because they are led by the Blind and are out of the way; but as for Priests and Jesuits, and Clergymen, they are to be cut off with the Sword of the Lord God, and the *WO* is unto them because they cause the People to err, and keep the People in ignorance and blindness under their false and unrighteous Ways and Worship. And this I know the Word of the Lord is gone forth against the whole Body of the *Romish Church* from the Head to the Tail of them will God plead with them, *the time is at hand*, and His Eye shall not pity, neither shall His hand spare to punish them, the Decree is sealed, and He will take Vengeance upon their unrighteous Laws.—Whereby they drink the Blood of the Saints and Martyrs; but the Lord will take Vengeance upon them, and disannul their Covenants and Decrees. His Spirit shall not be limited, but shall Rend them to pieces, even their Laws, and Cruelties, and Inquisitions by which they are defended and their Religion upheld in the World; and whereby they kill the Just, and murder the Innocent that are better than they, for the fulness of time is come, and all these shall be rumbled down.—And as sure as the Lord lives, so shall it come to pass, a Generation shall accomplish it, and in the Generation of the Righteous Seed, it shall be finished, their Laws shall be broken down, and Murders Avenged, and their weakness shall then appear, and their Whoredoms and Idolatries, and all their Abominations shall be made naked and uncovered, and judged by the Lamb and them that follow him, whom he will gather to fight his Battle. And if the People were but sensible hereof, as in measure I am through the zeal of the Lord, it would raise up a spirit of zeal in them all to seek Vengeance, and the overthrow of all their unrighteous Laws and Inquisitions, and Murders.—And to all you Papists, I say, and to all the Body of the Church of *Rome*, Prepare, prepare, for the Lord

God is coming up against you in his dreadful power; His word of Eternal judgment is gone forth, and his Vials are full of Wrath to be poured forth, and He will be Avenged of your Tyrannies and Murders, and unequal Laws, and subdue them before him, and His Dread shall fall upon your Consciences, ye that are Idolaters, Hypocrites, Ignorant Wretches, wilful Persons, and Bonslaves of Sathan, the plagues of God, and the wrath of the Lamb shall reach unto your high Throne, &c.

Fifthly, See your Book entitled, The Trumpet of the Lord sounded, &c. which you have also reprinted in Edw. Bishop's Works, 1672. pag. 102.

To all you call'd Papists, to your whole Body and Head at *Rome*, the Word of the Lord reacheth.

THus assuredly, saith the Lord, my Controversie is against you, and my Vengeance, & Wrath, and Fury shall for ever World without end be upon you, tho' you pardon one another, yet will not I pardon any ONE of you, for your grievous Adulteries and Abominations hath surpassed all other Generations; in the Womb of Whoredoms your Children are conceiv'd, begotten by the Seed of Adulteries in the very strength of the Mau of Sin, and at the breasts of Murder and Cruelty, you are nourished in sucking hainous and cruel Tyranny; you are seated upon the highest mountain of Oppression and Idolatry; Peter was not your Predecessor, but the Devil himself, you succeed in Blood, and eny, and cruelty, and he is your Rock with whom you shall fall into everlasting perdition, being upon him builded in your whole Body, and he the Father of your Faith receiv'd from him by Succession Traditionally; and your Religion is of *Cains* Antiquity, who was the Antient in your Profession of Offering Sacrifice and killing the Just, your Sword hath been made fat in the Blood of the Innocent, you have sought to slay even the very likeness of Righteousness, and hath stood armed with Cruelty against to assuage your thirst. And your Seat at *Rome*, which once had the Faith of Jesus Christ in Purity, where Members of his Body inhabited, you have turned into the habitation of Devils, and it is become the only Mother of profest Whoredoms, which brings forth cursed Children of Witchcraft, and is the abiding place of Members of an abominable Harlot; and the Profession of Jesus have you turned into a Cruelty against Jesus, and into a Murder of Him: Some of you are made a Curse already; and with Vengeance and Indignation shall the rest be pursued till your Body be rooted from off the Earth. You have been strong in your Seat of Darkness upon your Seven Mountains of perfect Abominations; and none was able to encounter you

in your strength of Infidelity, but it shall be turned into Weakness, and your Whoredoms shall appear, and your present Honor be turned into Contempt everlasting: for whilst you say, you have wrought to *merit life eternal*, your unbelief will bring death everlasting; and your Works merits my fire of eternal Judgment and Condemnation; and while you have said, *you eat and drink the Flesh and Blood really*, you have Crucified his Lie totally; and your Consecrating things unto your Idol God, hath been your defilement and pollution in the sight of the True GOD: to Images and Pictures have you bowed, and have worshiped the Saints Days and Names, and bowed to the likeness of Man's Inventions, but have slain their life, and have trodden under foot their Nature and Glory, and buried their Righteousness and Knowledge in the grave of your wickedness and ignorance; and in Imaginations have you rested, and in vain Superstitions have you hoped, honoring the Name of *Christ*, and killing his Life; the Womb of Darkness are you shut up in upon Earth, and it will be your Bed for ever in Hell and Death, and your Purgatory will deceive you, and your Cleansing will never come; Defiled, defiled, and loathsome are you in the pure Eye of Light, which the secret of your Deceit searcheth, and your Darkness seeleth, and shall judge you for ever. *Rome, Italy, France and Spain, and your Dominions, to all your Kings, Princes, Bishops, Priests, Jesuits, Prelates, and Friars, and Nuns, and whole train of Idolaters, the Cup of my Vengeance is towards you, and the dregs thereof shall you drink; and my over-flowing whirlwind of Wrath as an irresistible Flood is against your Banks, and my fire of eternal Fury shall burn thro' your Stubble, and my everlasting Light shall make search and inquisition for the Blood of my Elect which is found in thy Skirts; thou Abominable Harlot of loathsome Adultery, Tremble, tremble; tremble at my dreadful living presence, ye worshipers of dead Images, the day of Repentance is well nigh past; your long Idolatry will my long Patience turn into everlasting Misery and Judgment, and Nations shall see your shame, and in the sight of your Lovers shall be tormented; and this from Authority by my Spirit of Glory is sent you a Warning, and is the Voice of a Trumpet which gives a certain sound, against the Mighty and dreadful day of the Lord, which upon you is coming to make you a Desolation for ever and ever; and the Eternal Decree is sealing against you never to be altered; your Root shall be confounded, and your Branches shall wither.*

Sixtibly, See the Book, viz. *A Seasonable Caveat against Popery*, &c. By W. Penn. 1676.

WE hope it may not be too late to militate for Truth against the dark suggestions of

Papal Superstition, to vindicate that of the Reformation from the quaintest stratagems and most unwearied endeavours of *Romish* Emulators to put both it and us into the *Inquisition*. We know they have so far mastered their ancient fierceness, and masked their Sanguine looks with those more modest and familiar, that tho we need not more reason than before, we need more skill and caution, or else we may too fatally experience that vulgar Proverb, *Laugh in thy Face, and cut thy Throat*.

They are grown to Complaisant as none seem more exasperated at Persecution than themselves, (whilst the very Fathers of it) decrying the fierceness of it in some Countries (whose incendiaries they were and still are) and to impute all the Blood of poor Protestants to some civil score (thereby abusing the Magistrate with their own Conspiracies) may for all their venerable esteem of the Popes Infallibility, they have not stuck to censure his roaring Bulls (tho' procur'd by their own means) and all that might expels their *new tenderness* that many unacquainted with their Practices are ready to believe them what they say themselves to be; whose moral is to have two things to their Bow, to be *Ambo Dexter*, and furnish with meanings to sute the compass of all occasions.

If we would not receive a Thief till he has repented, let the Papists first recant his voluminous Errors. But above all let us have good testimony of his hearty sorrow for that *Sea of Bloodshed* in England, France, Holland, Ireland, Spain, Italy, Savoy, Switzerland and Germany, of many hundred thousand of poor Protestants that for pure Conscience could not conform to their most exorbitant practices as well as new Doctrines imposed upon them, such inhumane and barbarous inventions as no Age could ever parallel, and are the only demonstration of their wicked Wits that lived in that Age, and that not only upon the Parties themselves but their poor little Innocent Babes.

For that English Protestants should so far neglect these weighty considerations as to be gild and cheated out of their Religion, purchased them by their Martyr'd Ancestors, and be persuaded to embrace that *old bloody Apostatis'd Church* again, with all her *slavish* as well as *ridiculous superstition*, is a crime so offensive to God, and intolerable to men as the time hastens, that the very stones of the streets will rise up in judgment against them.

Whether it be the Interest of the *English* Nation to Subject her Self to a Popish Yoke, considering the incomparable Bloody Massacres of that sort of Men in several Reigns.

Whether in case they could not be conform'd unto, they would allow a *Toleration* were they Powerful? Whether

Whether in case they should say yea, we ought to believe them, since it is one of their most Sacred Maxims, not to keep faith with Hereticks, as was seen in the Case of the Alpine Valleys *J. Hus, &c.* and in that, they have in *s*ges brought so great a Deluge of Blood upon the European World. p. 35, 36, 37, 38.

Severely and lastly, (for I shall Transcribe no more of your Testimonies against the Papists at present) See your Answer to a Book call'd Semper Idem, which you have likewise reprinted in E. Bps. Works.

4th. Consider how the Papists Cause seems to be *Reviving in England*, and how bold the Members of the Church of Rome are of late days growing, as to appear so publickly in Print, justifying their own Cause as good; as *Q. Mary* and the *Papists* in her days, in *Martyring* and *Burning* the *Protestants*, and Condemning the Martyrs of the *Protestants* as *Hereticks* and *Fanaticks*. This, I say, is great boldness in *Papists* more than hath been for these hundred years, and a Sign of a *Reviving* and *Recovering* of their Cause more than hath been for many years. But now the *Papists* has taken confidence to themselves, and are of better hopes than formerly, even that they shall have *fire & faggot* again to *Burn* and destroy such as differ and Dissent from them whom they may call *Hereticks* and *Fanaticks*.

5. Consider the Nature, and Constitution, and Disposition of the Spirit of the Church of Rome, how that it not chang'd, but the self-same as ever it was, viz. a Spirit of *Murder* and *Cruelty* that hath killed and Martyr'd such as have differ'd from them, and been contrary minded in Religious matters, and it would work and bring to pass the same still, if it had its Power without limitation in *England*; the *Papists*, I say, would *Burn*, *Kill*, and *Torture* such as they judge *Hereticks*, and all that cannot bow and bend, and conform to their Ways, and Injunctions, and Religion. This they would be at again in *England*, if it were in their Power as it was heretofore. I say, this ought to be consider'd even the *Cruelty* of that Spirit, and what danger there is in it to give way to the Exaltation of that Spirit, and to embrace it in the least, whereby to give it occasion to get into the Power and Judgment-Seat, for if it doth, then *Fire* and *Faggot*, and *Killing* and *Burning* about Religion, will openly appear again; and this seems to be manifest by the Constitution of the Spirit of *Semper Idem*, which may give good and wholesome Cautions that the Spirit of the *Papists* is

still a Cruel Spirit, and would destroy all that differ from their Way if they had Power, & that that Spirit is not to be *Hugged* and *Embraced* nor set *Highest*, lest the effect of it prove *Woful* to *England*, by bringing forth again what it once did, in renewing *Fier* and *Faggot*, for this is the Disposition of the *Romish Church*, as is apparent by *Semper Idem*.

6. Consider how careful the People of *England* ought to be, to wait and attend the motions of the Spirit of the Church of Rome, lest it *Insinuate* it self into Authority, and get its intended Advantage and Purpose against the *Protestants* and their Cause, and advance it self against them, and promote its own Interest, and destroy and over-turn theirs; for without all Controversie that same Spirit is now at work to agitate its desires, and according to its old course, it is Hatching and Con- triving how to promote it self, and to destroy all that's contrary; It is undermining, and secretly surmising its Opponents overthrow that it self may be exalted; for the Spirit is diligent in its way to take the best occasion for its self advantage as is manifest by *semper idem*. And therefore the People of *England* ought also to be careful and diligent in their Cause to preserve themselves and their Interest from the defeat of the Church of Rome, and they ought to watch against that Spirit, to keep it in subjection, under Authority and Command, & not to exalt it into command over them, lest they be subjected to the Idolatries and Oppressions and Persecutions of that Spirit to their own Destruction both of Persons, Estates and Religion, for that Spirit will attempt always to rule, and if it rule, then will follow consequently an utter overthrow of the Protestants Persons and Cause, that will be the effect of the Authority of it, tho it may bear hand in hand in seeming love and good agreement with the Protestants till it hath gain'd his desired end over them, which is to promote it self and to subdue by *burning* and cruel *tortures* all that which is contrary to it. Let the People of *England* consider this matter now while it is time and be watchful over the motions of that Spirit, & not put confidence in it too far, nor to commit too much credit upon it even as they love their own safety and peace, which are concerned in this case.

Its worthy to be minded while it may be minded, lest the Time come it cannot be prevented. pag. 8ro, 811.

The End.

